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The IDS filed on 10/11/2002 is not relevant prior art, therefore it has not been considered. The reply brief has been noted, and entered in the file. However, the Examiner has not responded to this brief with an examiner's answer, in accordance with MPEP 1208.3. The application is being forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.


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